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Department of Justice:

It seems to me that the government should be in the business of fostering an environment where business can flourish and not in tearing them down. Most of the state attorney generals do not want a settlement because they are protecting businesses which are domiciled in their state. It is mostly jealousy and not business protection. For the life of me, I can not see how the government can make me share something for which I worked and invested my money to develop. That is what they appear to be doing in the case of Microsoft.

I urge the Justice Department to settle this case as proposed and let everyone get on with their business. There are always those who want more, whether it is Microsoft competitors or victims of the World Trade Center.

Sincerely yours,

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